

30 April 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Plans, O/DD/P

FROM: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: The Director's request for comment on [ ]  
paper of April 24.

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I agree generally with the [ ] memorandum, but there are parts of it which I believe should be modified and in some cases strengthened if the PSB is to play a leading role. For a better understanding of my basic position concerning this matter, please see the paragraph of my draft paper which is referred to as "Operation Lifeline" -- concerning the Whales -- i. e. the big ones. The early identification of and decisions on broad lines of policy and action with respect to the major developments in the psychological field -- of which there are not normally more than a half-dozen a year -- is a job which the PSB can do and should do. See also my brief marginal note on subparagraph b., Page 2. We have not yet passed completely over to the offensive -- the enemy still retains the initiative in many quarters -- so that defensive and disruptive actions are at this moment of almost equal importance as offensive actions of our own. The procedures should be studied more carefully and more deliberately, but in general I see no objection to those outlined in the paragraph beginning at the foot of Page 1.

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Memo to DCI fr Dir, PSB dtd 24 Apr. w/att:  
"Action Regarding Current Cold War Tactical  
Measures" (ER 2-8470), same date.

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